

BY-LAWS OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
SATURDAY FEDERAL GOLF LEAGUE

2004

PREAMBLE: the primary objective of the Saturday golf League is to provide a means whereby Federal employees and qualified immediate family may get together for a healthful exercise and social association. For the purpose of orderly competition on a friendly and sportsman-like basis, the following rules will apply.

ARTICLE 1: The name of the league will be the US Army Corps of Engineers Saturday Golf League.

ARTICLE 2: The league will golf at Lakeview Golf Course on Saturday mornings. Each match will consist of nine holes unless one or more holes have been closed for repairs. In that case each player will take a par on the closed holes and play the remaining holes.

ARTICLE 3: The league shall consist of six teams. The season shall consist of 3 rounds. Each round consists of six matches played. At the end of the season, the team with the most total points will be the Season Champion. All rainouts will be made up at the end of the season (this will allow us to put out a master schedule, which will not change until the end of the season).

ARTICLE 4: The league officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer) will all be selected from the members of one team (TEAM IN CHARGE) each year. Each team in the league will serve once every eight (8) years on a rotational basis starting in 2002 with rotation as follows: 1 – Caddies; 2 – Divots; 3 – Double Eagles; 4 – Sand Blasters; 5 – Tee Toppers; 6 – Worm Burners. If any team should drop out of the league or change it's name, the team replacing it, or the newly named team will take the place of the former team on the rotational list. It shall be up to the Team In Charge to decide among themselves as to who has the officer responsibilities. The Team In Charge must notify all team captains prior to the start of league play each year as to whom the league officers are. The prior secretary will continue as secretary unless he or she resigns or the team captains remove with a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 5: It shall be the duty of the president to conduct official business of the league, to act as the official representative of the league and promote a spirit of **good sportsmanship** among the teams and the members of the teams.

ARTICLE 6: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to act for the President when the president is not available. The Vice-President shall canvas the league members to determine the interest in league tournaments; namely field days.. If there is sufficient interest, he shall organize them.

ARTICLE 7: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare a golf schedule, to compute and keep team standings, to prepare a weekly handicap sheet for each member of the league, to collect prize money from the team captains in accordance with ARTICLE 14. The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive a sum equal to the cost of golf plus \$1.00 per week plus \$15.00 each season for expenses. Out of this money, he will pay for all materials and reproduction necessary to carry out his duties. The Secretary/Treasurer shall account for expenses and turn over a summary sheet of the accounting to the next Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE 8: A captain shall be selected by each team entered in the league. The captain will be required to collect the weekly green fees from each of his 4 team members prior to the start of the match. The captain will pay the clubhouse for the green fees including tax. Green fees shall be paid even if the team is a man short. If a member is scheduled to golf and indicates to his captain that he is available, but does not show, he will be required to pay his green fees. Each team will be assessed a membership fee, as determined by the Secretary/Treasurer and approved by the President, to belong to the league which includes the weekly prizes, payment to the league championship, and the Secretary/Treasurer salary and expenses as provided herein. Team captains shall collect the appropriate fee from each of their members and pay the Secretary/Treasurer the total team membership fees prior to the start of the season. Captains shall also be responsible for the accurate tabulation of scores. Except as provided in ARTICLE 9-6, points will be awarded in accordance with what the captains sign for on the forms used for recording results of the match. Some time between the conclusion of league play and January 1 of the next year, each captain will hold an election. The results of the election will be given to the league President by the incumbent captain whether he is re-elected or not.

ARTICLE 9: Play shall be governed by USGA rules with the following modifications:

1. Out of bounds and ground rules as shown on the score card will govern all matches except if a ball is hit out of bounds, the player will drop a ball in line where the ball went out of bounds and will add 1 stroke.

2. The league pre-dates the ditch running across the number 2 fairway from the end of the road on the left to the junction of the lateral ditch paralleling the number 2 fairway. Hitting into this ditch is a free drop on the tee box side of the ditch. Hitting into this ditch even with or to the right (north east) of the number 8 tee box is a penalty. The lateral ditch is a hazard and a one stroke penalty. (note 2)

3. A player may move his ball with his club to obtain a better lie, but not a better position. The ball may be moved to the nearest grass but no nearer to the hole.

4. On a lost ball the player shall drop a ball from his extended arm as close to the spot where the ball fell as possible. The penalty for a lost ball shall be 1 stroke. If an agreement cannot be reached as to where the ball should be dropped, then the player will be required to return to where the ball was last played, drop a ball, and add a 1 stroke penalty. If it is agreed among the foursome that the ball was lost in the fairway, no penalty shall be assessed and another ball shall be dropped in the approximate area of the lost ball.

5. A ball may be replaced only on the green.

6. The captains shall be responsible for checking each of his team player's handicap from the computer sheet. The Secretary/Treasurer will correct all errors of fact. Errors of fact are miss-added scores, and incorrect handicaps. It is up to the team captains to ensure that the players are matched appropriately, the Secretary/Treasurer will not re-match players in accordance with Article 13, unless the mismatch is brought to his/her attention immediately following the match.

ARTICLE 10: Amendments of the by-laws shall be by majority vote of the team captains. Each Captain shall receive four (4) votes. No amendment proposal shall be considered unless 2/3 of the Captains casts a vote. A majority of those voting shall be considered for passage. In a tie vote the acting League President will cast the deciding vote. Changes proposed during the season must receive unanimous approval.

ARTICLE 11: Each team shall play for a total of 10 weekly points. Each individual match shall be for 2 points, 1 for low net (medal play) and 1 for most holes won (match play). Each team match shall be for 2 points for low team net.

ARTICLE 12: Handicaps will be computed using USGA rules. Handicaps will be taken from the sheets provided by the secretary. Decimal points are truncated. (i.e. 4.6 is 4 ). Maximum handicap is 20. First time players will figure their handicap using the following formula:

Score of the round played minus 38. Handicap will be computed after the round is played.

ARTICLE 13: The position of the players will be established by their handicap. The player with the lowest handicap will be the number 1 man and the second lowest the number 2 man, etc. The captains shall establish the position of the players without handicaps or with tied handicaps. The number 1 and the number 4 man will make up the first foursome and the number 2 and number 3 man will make up the second foursome unless mutually agreed upon by the two teams. If a player shows up late, he may attempt to locate his foursome and, if successful, may begin playing at the next hole. The late player's net score shall be his opponent's net score plus 1 stroke on each of the holes missed. If a man is missing he shall be considered the number 4 man. A straw will get a score of 65 with a 20 handicap, recorded 7, 8, 6, 9, 8, 6, 8, 6, 7.

ARTICLE 14: Prizes will be purchased from league funds and will be distributed as follows:

1. Weekly prizes will be given as follows:
  - 1 ball for each of 4 flag holes
  - 1 ball for low net score
  - 1 ball for low gross score
  - In case of ties, winners will be determined by a coin flip or drawing.
2. 12 golf balls will be awarded to the team winning each round (6 matches).
3. If there is a tie each team will get 6 balls.
4. The League Championship will be determined by total points for all three rounds and that team awarded \$50.00.
5. Prizes for field days:. Participants will be charged an entry fee to cover prizes and expenses. Fee to be determined by the field day organizer (Vice President). Non league members will be charged an additional \$1.00 administrative entry fee. A player must have an established handicap in either our Saturday league or in the Corps' Tuesday league to be eligible for prizes requiring a handicap system to determine a winner. A person who plays in both leagues will use his Saturday league handicap. An established handicap is not needed to be eligible for flag hole prizes or other prizes not needing a handicap to determine a winner.

ARTICLE 15: The league shall be made up of players who are current Federal employees, former Federal employees who were league members, or retired Federal employees and eligible immediate family(Note 1). Non league members may be used to fill a foursome; however, scores for non league members will not be used for determining team points. Non league members will be scored as straws as specified in Article 13.

ARTICLE 16: These by-laws shall become effective immediately following ratification by the Board of Directors (Officers and Team Captains).

ARTICLE 17: In the event that a team (four players) fails to show up for a scheduled match, the team failing to appear shall be considered a straw for the week, and forfeit all points unless extenuating circumstances are present and deemed reasonable by the board of directors(team captains). The team captains will decide if circumstances warrant waving the forfeit. In this case the following week's card will be matched to determine who won the points. In the event that it is the last regular week of play, the scores of the previous week shall be used to determine a winner. The team failing to appear for the original scheduled match shall be responsible for paying the greens fee of the originally scheduled match.

ARTICLE 18: All male players shall play the White tees and female players shall play from the reds.

NOTE 1: The following are immediate family: Wives, husbands, brothers, sisters, in-laws, aunts, uncles and same sex life partners. Children of Corps employees and immediate family members who are either adults or at least 14 and can sustain an **adult level** of play and pace. The board of directors will rule on other family members on a case by case basis.